

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mamoru Suzuki et al.  
Serial No.: 09/882,403  
Filed : June 15, 2001  
For : BATTERY CHARGING/DISCHARGING APPARATUS AND  
BATTERY CHARGING/DISCHARGING METHOD  
Group : 2838

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REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Mail Stop: Patent Application

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/882,403 filed June 15, 2001.

1. [x] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed including a copy of the signed Declaration and a copy of the drawings.
2. [x] The prior application is assigned to Sony Corporation and the Assignment was recorded on October 12, 2001 at Reel 012251, Frame 0947.

3. ☒ Priority of Application(s) No. (s) P2000-180675, filed on June 16, 2000 in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119.

☒ The certified copy in support of the claim of priority has been filed in the Prior Application Serial No. 09/882,403 and acknowledgment thereof is requested.

4. ☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown below in parentheses apply.

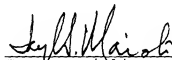
- b. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims Appearing in the Prior Application,  
Less Any Claims Canceled By Amendment Below

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Fee
Basic Fee			\$750 (\$375)
Total claims.....	- 20 =	x	\$18 (\$ 9)
Independent claims...	- 3 =	1 x	\$84 (\$42) \$84
Total Filing Fee.....			\$ 750.00

5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed.
7. ☒ Amend claims 1-3.

8. [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a division of prior application Serial No. 09/882,403 filed June 15, 2001.--
9. [x] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application identified above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Jay H. Maioli, Reg. No. 27,213, Cooper & Dunham LLP, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.
  - a. [x] The power appears in the prior application.
  - b. [x] Address all future communications to:  
Jay H. Maioli, Cooper & Dunham LLP,  
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11. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

  
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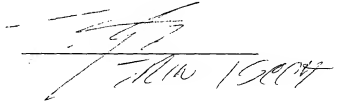
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